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SUBJ: AZORES INDEPENDENCE

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1. MET PRIVATELY TODAY WITH MOTA AMARAL. TOLD HIM I HAD RETURNED FROM WASHINGTON CONSULTATIONS AND WISHED TO CONVEY TO HIM USG POSITION THAT WE WERE OPPOSED TO ANY AZOREAN INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT ACTION THAT MIGHT UNDERMINE EFFORTS OF MODERATE FORCES ON THE MAINLAND.

2. MOTA AMARAL SAID HE UNDERSTOOD OUR POSITION FULLY. HE PERSONALLY AGREED THAT MELO ANTUNES SHOULD BE GIVEN A SECRET

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CHANCE, AND WOULD SO ARGUE WITH THE FLA. HOWEVER FLA HAD

ACQUIRED A MOMENTUM OF ITS OWN. FLA WAS ARGUING THAT THEY HAD TO MOVE QUICKLY BEFORE VASCO GONCALVES WAS REMOVED IN ORDER TO GAIN MAXIMUM SYMPATHY THROUGHOUT WESTERN WORLD.

3. I REVIEWED WITH MOTA AMARAL THE COMPLICATIONS THAT MIGHT RESULT FROM SUCH A PREMATURE MOVE. HE AGREED AND AGAIN SAID HE WOULD CONVEY THIS VIEW TO FLA LEADERS. HE HOPED HE MIGHT BE ABLE TO PERSUADE THEM TO GIVE MELO ANTUNES A WEEK OR SO TO GET INTO OFFICE. HIS EFFORTS WOULD BE COMPLICATED, HE NOTED, BY A GENERAL FEELING THAT MELO ANTUNES--DESPITE HIS AZOREAN WIFE--IS NOT VIEWED AS ONE WHO WOULD BE POTENTIALLY RESPONSIVE TO LEGITIMATE AZOREAN DEMANDS.

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